

18. (amended) The method of playing a card game according to claim 15, wherein a Player's Bonus Bet predetermined winning hands comprise 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush.

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested. By this amendment, claims 1-18 have been amended. Now, claims 1-18 are pending in this case after the amendment.

Claims 1 and 15 have been amended to overcome the rejections of claims 1 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Feola over Examiner's positions for no recitations for 1) there is no recitation that all the Primary and Bonus wagers remain placed until each Player and Banker have been dealt their seven-card hand (Office Action Summary page 2, last paragraph), 2) "only one round of betting" is not clearly recited in the claims of the present invention (Office Action Summary page 3, lines 1-7); 3) only broadly recite "dealing cards, seven cards dealt either at one time or proportionally, into enough dealt hands of seven cards to provide a dealt hand for each Player and for the Banker" (Office Action Summary page 3, lines 7-14), 4) the recitation of the differences how bets are settled between my present invention and Feola's game (Office Action Summary page 3, last paragraph).

Claims 2-14, and 16-18 have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Feola.

CONCLUSION

My present invention is intentionally designed to be fast paced, simpler (no skill required) and fun to play (providing at least one but preferably four Jokers and seven cards at one time for card reading enjoyment) than the games of Feola and many popular casino games like Caribbean Stud, Let It Ride and Pai Gow Poker. It is novel and clearly defined over the prior art. I believe that the foregoing amended claims 1-18, Remarks and Arguments are a complete response to the Final Office Action and place my application in condition for allowance without raising any issues which would need further searching. I cordially invite the Examiner to contact me for a telephone interview regarding this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. A method of playing a card game among a plurality of Players and a Banker, each Player wagering against the Banker, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing and shuffling at least one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus at least one Joker or at least one standard poker deck of 52 cards wherein either all Twos, all Threes, all Fours, all Fives, all Sixes, all Sevens, all Eights, all Nines, all Tens, all Jacks, all Queens, all Kings, or all Aces are Wild Card, wherein each Joker or each Wild Card may be used as any card;
- (b) each Player placing a Primary Bet wager per round of play;
- (c) each Player placing an optional Bonus Bet wager per said round of play;
- (d) each Player and the Banker are each dealt seven cards either at one time or proportionally and then no additional bets are permitted;
- ~~(e) determining which dealt hand is assigned to each Player and which dealt hand is assigned to the Banker;~~
- ~~(e)~~ (f) from ~~their~~ each Player's own seven-card dealt hand cards, ~~each Player~~ he or she selecting and keeping ~~their~~ his or her best 5-card poker hand and discarding two other cards;
- ~~(f)~~ (g) determining whether each Player's Primary Bet wager wins or loses; wherein a Player's Primary Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is one of Primary Bet predetermined winning hands and is paid according to either a predetermined payout odds or a predetermined pay table designed for said Primary Bet; wherein the Player's said wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the Primary Bet predetermined winning hands;
- ~~(g)~~ (h) settling each Player's Primary Bet wager against the Banker;
- ~~(h)~~ (i) determining whether each Player's Bonus Bet wager wins or loses, if any; wherein a Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is one of Bonus Bet predetermined winning hands and is paid according to a

predetermined pay table designed for said Bonus Bet; wherein the Player's said
wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of Bonus Bet
predetermined winning hands; and

(i) ~~(j)~~ settling each Player's Bonus Bet wager against the Banker.

2. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein a Player's Primary Bet predetermined winning hands comprise ~~wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is~~ Aces Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, ~~and the Player's Primary Bet wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of said winning hands; and wherein the Player's winning Primary Bet wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.~~

3. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein a Player's Primary Bet predetermined winning hands comprise ~~wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is~~ 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, ~~and the Player's Primary Bet wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of said winning hands; and wherein the Player's winning Primary Bet wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.~~

4. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein a Player's Primary Bet predetermined winning hands comprise ~~wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is~~ Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, ~~and the Player's Primary Bet wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of said winning hands; and wherein the Player's winning Primary Bet wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.~~

5. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein a Player's Bonus Bet predetermined winning hands comprise ~~wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is~~ Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal

~~Flush, and the Player's Bonus Bet wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of said winning hands; and wherein the Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.~~

6. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein a Player's Bonus Bet predetermined winning hands comprise ~~wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and the Player's Bonus Bet wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of said winning hands; and wherein the Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.~~

7. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein a Player's Bonus Bet predetermined winning hands comprise ~~wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, and the Player's Bonus Bet wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of said winning hands; and wherein the Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.~~

8. A method of playing a card game among a plurality of Players and a Banker, each Player wagering against the Banker, comprising the steps of:

- (f) providing and shuffling one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus four Jokers, wherein each Joker may be used as any card;
- (g) each Player placing a Primary Bet wager per round of play;
- (h) each Player placing an optional Bonus Bet wager per said round of play;
- (i) each Player and the Banker are each dealt ~~dealing cards~~, seven cards ~~dealt~~ either at one time or proportionally and then no additional bets are permitted, ~~into enough dealt hands of seven cards to provide a dealt hand for each Player and for the Banker;~~

- ~~(j) determining which dealt hand is assigned to each Player and which dealt hand is assigned to the Banker;~~
- (e) ~~(f)~~ from ~~their~~ each Player's own seven-card dealt hand cards, each Player he or she selecting and keeping ~~their~~ his or her best 5-card poker hand and discarding two other cards;
- (f) ~~(g)~~ determining whether each Player's Primary Bet wager wins or loses; wherein a Player's Primary Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is one of Primary Bet predetermined winning hands and is paid according to either a predetermined payout odds or a predetermined pay table designed for said Primary Bet; wherein the Player's said wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of the Primary Bet predetermined winning hands;
- (g) ~~(h)~~ settling each Player's Primary Bet wager against the Banker;
- (h) ~~(i)~~ determining whether each Player's Bonus Bet wager wins or loses, if any; wherein a Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is one of Bonus Bet predetermined winning hands and is paid according to a predetermined pay table designed for said Bonus Bet; wherein the Player's said wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of Bonus Bet predetermined winning hands; and
- (i) ~~(j)~~ settling each Player's Bonus Bet wager against the Banker.

9. The method of playing a card game according to claim 8, wherein a Player's Primary Bet predetermined winning hands comprise ~~wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is~~ Aces Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush; and wherein the Player's Primary Bet wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of said winning hands; and wherein the Primary Bet pays Even Money, namely 1 to 1, on a hand of Aces Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House or 4 of a Kind, and pays 2 to 1 on a hand of

Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush predetermined payout odds for said Primary Bet is 1 to 1 on any one of said Primary Bet predetermined winning hands.

10. The method of playing a card game according to claim 8, wherein a Player's Primary Bet predetermined winning hands comprise ~~wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is~~ 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, ~~and the Player's Primary Bet wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of said winning hands;~~ and wherein the predetermined pay table for said Primary Bet pays Even Money, namely 1 to 1, on a hand of 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush or Full House, and pays 2 to 1 on a hand of 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush.

11. The method of playing a card game according to claim 8, wherein a Player's Primary Bet predetermined winning hands comprise ~~wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is~~ Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, ~~and the Player's Primary Bet wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of said winning hands;~~ and wherein the predetermined pay table for said Primary Bet pays 2 to 1 on a hand of Straight, Flush or Full House, pays 5 to 2 on a hand of 4 of a Kind, and pays 3 to 1 on a hand of Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush.

12. The method of playing a card game according to claim 8, wherein a Player's Bonus Bet predetermined winning hands comprise ~~wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is~~ Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind, Wild Royal Flush or Natural Royal Flush, ~~and the Player's Bonus Bet wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of said winning hands;~~ and wherein the Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid as follows according to the following predetermined pay table designed for said Bonus Bet:

| <u>Hand</u> | <u>Payout Odds</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Natural Royal Flush ----- | 200 to 1 |
| Wild Royal Flush ----- | 50 to 1 |
| 5 of a Kind ----- | 30 to 1 |
| Straight Flush ----- | 10 to 1 |
| 4 of a Kind ----- | 4 to 1 |
| Full House ----- | 3 to 1 |
| Flush ----- | 1 to 1 |

13. The method of playing a card game according to claim 8, wherein a Player's Bonus Bet predetermined winning hands comprise ~~wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is~~ Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind, Wild Royal Flush or Natural Royal Flush, ~~and the Player's Bonus Bet wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of said winning hands~~; and wherein the Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid ~~as follows~~ according to the following predetermined pay table designed for said Bonus Bet:

| <u>Hand</u> | <u>Payout Odds</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Natural Royal Flush ----- | 200 to 1 |
| Wild Royal Flush ----- | 50 to 1 |
| 5 of a Kind ----- | 40 to 1 |
| Straight Flush ----- | 15 to 1 |
| 4 of a Kind ----- | 4 to 1 |
| Full House ----- | 3 to 1 |

14. The method of playing a card game according to claim 8, wherein a Player's Bonus Bet predetermined winning hands comprise ~~wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is~~ 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind, Wild Royal Flush or Natural Royal Flush, ~~and the Player's Bonus Bet wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of said winning hands~~; and wherein the Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid ~~as follows~~ according to the following predetermined pay table designed for said Bonus Bet:

| <u>Hand</u> | <u>Payoff Odds</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Natural Royal Flush ----- | 200 to 1 |
| Wild Royal Flush ----- | 70 to 1 |
| 5 of a Kind ----- | 50 to 1 |
| Straight Flush ----- | 20 to 1 |
| 4 of a Kind ----- | 8 to 1 |

15. A method of playing a card game among a plurality of Players and a Banker, each Player wagering against the Banker, comprising the steps of:

- (f) providing and shuffling at least one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus at least one Joker or at least one standard poker deck of 52 cards wherein either all Twos, all Threes, all Fours, all Fives, all Sixes, all Sevens, all Eights, all Nines, all Tens, all Jacks, all Queens, all Kings, or all Aces are Wild Cards, wherein each Joker or each Wild Card may be used as any card;
- (g) each Player placing a Bonus Bet wager per round of play;
- (h) each Player and the Banker are each dealt dealing cards, seven cards ~~dealt~~ either at one time or proportionally and then no additional bets are permitted, ~~into enough dealt hands of seven cards to provide a dealt hand for each Player and for the Banker;~~
- ~~(i) determining which dealt hand is assigned to each Player and which dealt hand is assigned to the Banker;~~
- ~~(d) (e)~~ from ~~their~~ each Player's own seven-card dealt hand cards, ~~each Player~~ he or she selecting and keeping their his or her best 5-card poker hand and discarding two other cards;
- ~~(e) (f)~~ determining whether each Player's Bonus Bet wager wins or loses; wherein a Player's Bonus Bet wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is one of Bonus Bet predetermined winning hands and is paid according to predetermined pay table designed for said Bonus Bet; wherein the Player's said wager loses if

the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of Bonus Bet predetermined winning hands; and

(f) (g) settling each Player's Bonus Bet wager against the Banker.

16. The method of playing a card game according to claim 15, wherein a Player's Bonus Bet predetermined winning hands comprise ~~wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is~~ Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, ~~and the Player's Bonus Bet wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of said winning hands; and wherein the Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.~~

17. The method of playing a card game according to claim 15, wherein a Player's Bonus Bet predetermined winning hands comprise ~~wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is~~ Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, ~~and the Player's Bonus Bet wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of said winning hands; and wherein the Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.~~

18. The method of playing a card game according to claim 15, wherein a Player's Bonus Bet predetermined winning hands comprise ~~wager wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is~~ 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, 5 of a Kind or Royal Flush, ~~and the Player's Bonus Bet wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is not one of said winning hands; and wherein the Player's winning Bonus Bet wager is paid according to a predetermined pay table.~~